



### First State Bank

(Successors to W. S. Turck & Co.)  
CAPITAL, \$30,000  
SURPLUS, \$16,000

A. W. WRIGHT, President.  
W. S. TURCK, Vice-President.  
ELY BREWSTER, Cashier.  
A General Banking Business transacted.  
Three per cent interest paid on Certificates of Deposit if left three months.  
We solicit your business.

### The Alma State Savings Bank

ALMA, MICH.  
Capital, \$25,000.00  
Surplus, 10,500.00

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Respectfully solicits the patronage of the public and offers all liberalities consistent with good banking.  
Interest paid on certificates of deposits remaining three months.  
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**Dr. W. Kelly, Dentist**  
Filling and preserving the natural teeth.  
Crown and Bridge Work a specialty.  
Artificial Teeth, \$4.00 per set.  
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ALMA, MICH.

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POLLSKY BLOCK  
ALMA, MICH.  
PROFESSIONAL.

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Office, Opera House Block. Office hours 1:30 to 3:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Diseases of the eye and ear a specialty.

**J. F. SUYDAM, M. D., Physician and Surgeon**  
Office opposite Church block.

**DR. NELSON P. MCCLINTON** Graduate University of Michigan. Office, New Pollsky Block. Office hours, 1:30 to 4:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Night calls, telephone from office, not necessary to call central.

**DR. E. T. Lamb, office in Babke building**  
Office hours, 10:15 a. m., 2:15 and 7:15 to 9:15 p. m. Night calls at office.

**DR. A. STEE LY, Physician and Surgeon**  
Office in Vermont block. Office hours from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. Night calls at residence in the Decker house. Union phone No. 16. Office phone 16.

**JAS. G. KRESS, Attorney and Solicitor**  
Office, 4 and 5 opera house block, Alma, Mich. Phone No. 15. Practice in Circuit, State and United States Courts.

**BERT HAYES, Attorney at Law and Solicitor**  
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**BETHANY STAYS DRY.**  
The plans of Joe Ryan, of St. Louis, to start a saloon in Bethany township near Breckenridge, were badly frustrated at the meeting of the board last week when they doubled up the saloon bond and made it \$6000 for the privilege of dispensing his refreshments. It was vigorously opposed by the entire community.

**MRS. E. R. WELLS DEAD.**  
The funeral of Mrs. E. R. Wells was held at the Episcopal church Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. L. Ramsey, interment being in Riverside cemetery. She was the wife of Rev. A. E. Wells, of Holland, Mich., and a grand aunt of Dr. B. R. Corbus, with whom she has been living for some time at the Sanitarium. Mrs. Wells was eighty-five years of age.

**USE PRINTERS INK**  
The Louisville Courier-Journal offered five prizes for the five best suggestions for advertising the town. A great many responses were received, the general view expressed being that a town needs advertising as much as the business of an individual or corporation. The judges decided that the most effective plan proposed was the raising of a sufficient amount of money to advertise the town's advantages in the leading newspapers published in the territory from which the town expects to draw trade and population, followed up by advertising in the leading papers of the county. It is significant that the burden of the great majority of suggestions was "printer's ink."

**NOTICE.**  
Owing to the fact that we are obliged to pay cash for all coal we buy, we, the undersigned dealers, do hereby give notice that on and after Sept. 1st, 1905, Coal and Wood will be sold for cash only. There will positively be no exceptions to these rules.  
T. D. SPALDING & SON,  
J. C. THORNTON & SON,  
STOCKBRIDGE ELEV. CO.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it.

### GAME OWNED BY THE STATE

New Laws Enacted for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals

### QUAIL SAFE FOR TWO YEARS

Other Game Cannot be Killed for Periods of From Two to Nine Years—Penalties for Law's Violations

A new doctrine in this state was enunciated in the general game law enacted at the recent session of the legislature. It is stated in the first section, which contains but three lines: "All wild animals and wild birds, both resident and migratory, in this state, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, the property of the state." No more has the discoverer nor the owner of the land upon which they may be found, any rights of ownership even in a chipmunk or a chickadee. They are the property of the state, to be molested or appropriated by individuals only upon permission of the state, and according to rules which the state shall prescribe.

The act divides the birds into two classes, game birds and non-game birds. The game birds are embraced in four families, the first consisting of geese, brant and ducks; the second, rails, coots and gallinules; the third, snipe, woodcock, plover, sandpipers, tatters, and curlews; the fourth, turkeys, pheasants, grouse, prairie chickens and quail. These may be killed for personal use at times in manner and numbers prescribed for each species in the act. All other birds are declared non-game birds, and may not be killed, or had in possession living or dead, whether resident or migratory, nor may any person purchase or sell any part of the plumage, skin or body of such bird, whether captured or killed within or without this state, nor take or destroy or have in possession the nest or eggs of any such bird—except in certain prescribed manners for certain specified scientific purposes. English sparrows, blackbirds, crows, Cooper's hawks, sharpshinned hawks and great horned owls are excepted from this protection, but not from the restriction as to plumage, etc. By "blackbirds" is doubtless meant the common crow blackbirds, but the legislature should have been more exact.

Limited and closely guarded permission for taking birds and their nests and eggs for scientific and educational purposes is granted, upon certificates issued by a board of three persons to be appointed annually, one by the president of the university, one by the president of the Agricultural College, and one by the president of the State Normal College. But one pair of birds and one nest and one set of eggs of each species mentioned in the certificate may be taken by one person, and no one shall be eligible to hold such certificate except upon written testimonials of character and fitness from two reputable ornithologists, and the bluebird, Kirkland warbler, scarlet tanager and red-breasted grosbeak are excepted from this permission.

The bearing of these provisions upon the practice of wearing wings, heads and plumage of birds upon women's hats is immediately evident and their incorporation into the law may be credited to the influence of the Audubon societies in their wholesome educational campaign. The Michigan Audubon society, auxiliary to the national association of Audubon societies, has recently been incorporated under the laws of the state and given legal standing, and it is given semi-official status in this act, in conferring upon it authority to name four deputy game wardens and assign them to specified territory, whom the game warden is required to commission, and who shall represent the society in carrying out the provisions of the act, without compensation from the state or counties, and in performance of that duty the society is required to execute a bond of one thousand dollars with approved sureties. Nearly all of the states have now adopted in their laws the provisions urged by the Audubon societies for protection and preservation of birds. The Michigan society has headquarters at 411 Moffatt building, Detroit, with Jefferson Butler as secretary.

Game birds are further protected in this and other acts of the present legislature, making it unlawful to kill quail until October 15, 1907, and forbidding

### SAVED BY ONE STEP.

Mrs. Jennie Follick Narrowly Escaped Being Killed at P. M. Crossing.

Last Monday afternoon while crossing the Pere Marquette tracks on west Superior street, Mrs. Jennie Follick was struck by a west bound freight and quite severely injured. It was raining hard and her umbrella was held on the same side as the approaching train which cut off her view of the track. She was thrown fully ten feet, but was conscious when picked up and carried into the residence of Bert Hicks. Drs. Brainerd and McClinton were hurriedly summoned and it was found that her jaw and arm were quite badly fractured, but no bones broken or other severe injuries.

The accident was witnessed by a number of people living near the track, who heard the train approaching, and knowing Mrs. Follick to be deaf, endeavored to attract her attention, but it was all done so quickly that none were able to warn her. The engineer saw the approaching danger and gave frantic warnings, at the same time applying the air brakes with full force, bringing his train to a stop a short distance from the crossing, which is probably all that saved her from a most horrible death.

### A SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. David Boyer in a Most Pleasing Manner.

### MANY BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS

Nearly One Hundred Relatives and Friends Join to Make the Event a Memorable One.

Tuesday evening, August 8, 1905, at their home six miles west, and one-half mile north of Alma, Mr. David Boyer and wife, Lilly, celebrated their Silver wedding, in a manner very pleasing to themselves and more than satisfactory to the relatives and friends.

The earlier arrivals came a little after six p. m. and from that time on, they kept coming until the house was filled, and the overflow filled the porches. Ninety-six was the number present, without counting the children. Phoebe Wood and wife, both totally blind who live some five miles north west of Riverdale furnished excellent vocal and instrumental music during the entire evening.

The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, many of them coming from Mrs. Wm. Anderson's farm home, which is a guarantee of their being the finest that grow.

The tables presented a beautiful sight, loaded with the choicest of edibles of all kinds and a plenty for everybody. The evening passed pleasantly and it was along in the wee small hours of morning before many started for their homes. The bride and groom wish to extend through the columns of the RECORD their heartiest thanks to all for the many beautiful gifts received, for the music, and for the kind neighbors and friends who assisted in making the evening one that will ever be remembered.

Following is the list of presents: A 100 piece set of imported dishes were presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. LaPaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Will LaPaugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyer and family, Mrs. Eliza VanLeuven and family, Miss Bordwell, and Miss Helen Tubbs.

A set of knives and forks, by Forest Baker, Alma; a set of spoons, Edward Wynnan, Greenville; a china cake plate, I. F. Hilsinger and wife, Elwell; a fruit basket, Mr. and Mrs. S. Shanks, Maud Miles, S. Oberlin and wife; a cracker jar, Chas. Hildreth, wife and son, Archie.

A beautiful coffee set presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. M. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lamen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamp, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman.

A silver top pink china cracker jar, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pitt, a pie knife, Mattie Maxham and J. Sabin, Elm Hall; a fruit basket Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chapman and Fred Chapman and wife; a

### VERY BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Michigan Crop Report Shows Favorable Conditions Throughout State.

### EVERYONE IS OPTIMISTIC.

Unfavorable Conditions of Early Spring Forgotten and Prospects for an Average Crop Now Almost Assured.

The weather during July was variable and fairly favorable for farm work. The temperature according to the State Weather Bureau, averaged one degree below the normal. While the greater part of July was cool yet one week of warm weather in the latter part of the month was very beneficial to growing crops. The precipitation averaged 1.31 inches above the normal. The wet weather interfered somewhat with harvesting wheat and making hay, but on the other hand tended to promote rapid growth of corn, potatoes, beans and sugar beets.

The weather during harvest time was unfavorable this year for wheat, yet conditions were better later in the month so that the crop has been secured without much damage. In some cases the quality will not be up to the average, the damage being due to various causes. The yield will be good and considerably above the average for this state.

The average estimated yield per acre is, in the state, southern and northern counties 19 bushels and in the central counties 18 bushels. The per cent of plowing done for wheat in the state, central and northern counties is 12 and in the southern counties 13.

Rye, like wheat, will be a good crop this year. The yield will be small in some cases because it was pastured so late in the spring. Rye is not being regularly grown on many farms because of the many purposes it tends to serve in the rotation. The average estimated yield per acre is, in the state, southern and northern counties 15 bushels and in the central counties 14 bushels.

The weather during July was very favorable for corn. On heavy soil where the crop was badly damaged early in the season by water the yield will be light; in fields where the soil is lighter and more open the stand is good and where properly tended will yield a good crop. Plenty of rain and reasonably warm weather made corn grow very fast the past month so that much that was lost early in the season has been regained. Unless early frosts prevail there will be a better crop than conditions indicated at the time of planting. The conditions of corn as compared with an average is, in the southern counties 81, in the central counties 66 and in the northern counties and state 78.

Oats have been harvested and are nearly all secured. The quality is fair, the crop having been damaged in some localities. There has been a long growth of straw so that in some fields oats have lodged. The estimated average yield per acre in bushels is, in the southern counties 36, in the central counties 34 and in the northern counties and state 35.

The condition of potatoes varies in different sections of the state. In favorable locations the crop is doing nicely and promises a good yield. In some fields the seed rotted badly so that the stand is poor. Owing to the rush of other work some farmers have neglected to cultivate properly and have allowed the bugs to do much damage. Present conditions seem to indicate that the acreage will be below the average and that farmers who have cultivated properly and sprayed thoroughly for bugs and blight will profit by it. The condition of potatoes as compared with an average is, in the state and southern counties 77, in the central counties 71 and in the northern counties 92.

The condition of beans varies like the condition of corn and potatoes and for similar reasons. However, the most critical period is ahead when the time comes for harvesting and securing the crop. If the weather is favorable at that time there is little doubt but what the bean crop will be a profitable one this year. The condition of beans compared with an average is, in the state and southern counties 84, in the central counties 79 and in the northern counties 95.

The prospect for sugar beets is very favorable at this time and no doubt the yield will be good. The crop seems to

### MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John Lanshaw Pass the Half Century Milestone.

### LIVED IN GRATIOT 39 YEARS

Surrounded by Their Children, Grandchildren and Friends the Event Was a Most Enjoyable One for the Old People.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lanshaw, who have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary are among the earliest pioneers of Gratiot county.

Last week they passed the fiftieth milestone of their wedded life, and in honor of the event their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends to the number of 24, gathered with them to enjoy the day. They partook of a bountiful dinner, and listened to interesting tales related by the old couple of their early days in America.

Incidents of this kind are not as common as they used to be, and this was an especially happy one, as all their four children and nine grandchildren were

some rolling farm of over 100 acres, and all their children live on adjoining farms within sight of the old homestead. "It was a hard struggle," said Mr. Lanshaw, "and I will never forget the lonely feeling which came over me as I stood on the streets of New York City without friends, unable to speak the English language and with only seventy-five cents in my pocket."

From his big comfortable chair under the shade of a willow tree in the yard the old gentleman gazed out over the fields of ripe grain toward the sleepy little village in the distance, and in a reminiscent mood told many interesting and pathetic happenings during their



MR. JOHN LANSHAW



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present. They are, Wm. C. and J. H. Lanshaw, Mrs. Lillie Wilson and Mrs. Minnie Creech and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanshaw were born in Germany, he near Hamburg, she in the village of Hessey, and at an early age came to Maumetown, New Jersey, where they were married in 1855.

For ten years he struggled as a farm hand until finally in 1866 he accumulated enough to purchase a little tract of land in the heart of the pine forests, where they experienced all the hardships common to those times.

With the aid of two loyal sons, the forest was gradually converted into a hand-

long and happy married life.

He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion and has always been a loyal American citizen, winning the respect and admiration of many friends. Through their own efforts and hard work they have accumulated a generous portion of this world's goods, and now live a retired life. Mr. Lanshaw is 76 years old, while his wife is 78, and both enjoy comparatively good health.

Their greatest desire is to live to pass many more milestones together, in which wish they are joined by all who know them.

### MRS. JACOB RUSH.

Passed Away at Her Home Last Wednesday.

After a long illness, Mrs. Sarah Rush died at her home in Arcadia last Wednesday of paralysis. She was 78 years of age and the mother of five children, three of whom are living. For fifty-one years she has lived in Gratiot county and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the home and the remains were laid to rest in the Bailey cemetery.

### WHAT THEY DESERVED.

Wm. Swayzie and Grant Wiles were both given eighty days in the Detroit work house by Justice Myers, of Ithaca, last Saturday morning, for throwing acid on horses in the livery stables and on the street. The men claimed they did not know why they did the cruel caper, giving as their only excuse that they were drunk.

### TEN HANDSOME CANOES

New canoes were received last week by Lucius Bagley and Gene Tinker, joint ownership, Dr. R. C. Turck and Ami Lancashire. This makes a total of ten canoes on the river now, besides one which is on the way here for Otto Sanderhoff. Canoeing is becoming very popular with Alma people since the river was made possible to use them, and next year will doubtless see many more of the graceful little boats on the water.

For bad breath and bad taste in the mouth take Celery King. Costs 25c.

### MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Shown in Michigan Butter and Cheese at Last Scoring Test.

At the Michigan scoring test for butter and cheese, held under the auspices of the State Dairy and Food Department at the Webb Cold Storage plant, Detroit, on the 27th and 28th of July, the average score for butter was above 93. The average score for cheese was above 92. There were 98 samples of butter and 36 samples of cheese.

The highest score for butter was 98, the Worden Creamery Co., Salem, receiving this mark. For second place, the Freeport Creamery Co., of Freeport, and the Centerville Creamery Co., of Centerville, tied at 97 points.

The highest score for cheese was 95 1/2, which mark was awarded to the Elmhurst Factory, Owendale. The second highest score was 96 and was awarded to the Plymouth Factory, located at Plymouth. The average scores for both butter and cheese were higher than at any previous test, and there were also a large number of samples.

The Educational Scoring Test is growing in popularity every month, as shown by the gradual increase in the number of samples received. It is hoped that the interest will keep on growing until every creamery and cheese factory in the State is represented, not only one month, but every month. The August test will take place on Friday, August 25th.

Every member of Alma Lodge No. 244 F. & A. M. is hereby notified to be present at Masonic Hall next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

JUSTIN GILL, W. M.

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